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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KAMIYA ET AL.

Examiner

Barry W Taylor

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 February 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

1. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Goyal et al (6,751,473 hereinafter Goyal) in view of Manabu et al (JP-08294030 hereinafter Manabu). The Examiner has provided Applicant with translation of Manabu (see attached).

Regarding claim 1. Goyal teaches a foldable cellular phone (see figure 8) comprising:

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a first casing including a display (see item 3 figure 8);

a second casing including keys and hinged to the first casing (see figure 8 wherein item 4 hinged to first casing item 3 via hinge 17); and

a third casing accommodating a camera unit (see item 2 of first casing item 3 at lower left side of figure 8) and a receiver unit therein and received in a bore (The Examiner notes that bore (i.e. item 5 in figures 1, 3-6) is located in first casing (item 3 figure 8)), which is formed in one end of the first casing, and rotatably connected to the first casing (see figure 3 wherein camera---item 2 is rotated about vertical axis---item 15);

Goyal does not explicitly show wherein the third casing is configured such that when an output portion of the said receiver unit faces a display side of said first casing, a lens portion of the said camera unit is concealed by the one end of the first casing.

Manabu discloses a hands-free video telephone set having camera and speaker wherein camera is rotated into body of telephone to prevent fingerprints and adhesion of dust (see PURPOSE, CONSTITUTION and Effect of the Invention). Manabu teaches rotating camera into body of telephone so that oils from cheek do not dirty the camera (paragraphs 0003, 0008, 0017, see difference between figures 3 and 5,

Therefore, it would have been obvious for any one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to utilize the teachings of Manabu into the teachings of Goyal in order to prevent dust and oils from dirtying the camera lens as disclosed by Manabu.

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Regarding claim 2. Goyal shows the camera (item 2 figures 1-8) is located above display (item 7 figures 1-8) and rotates about vertical axis (see vertical axis item 15 figures 3-4).

Manabu also shows camera above display (see first page of Manabu as well as figure 1).

Response to Arguments

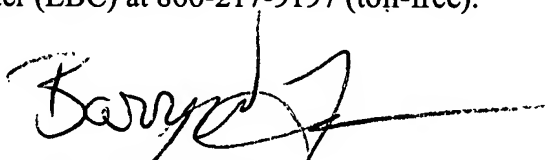
2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-2 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Barry W. Taylor, telephone number (571) 272-7509, who is available Monday-Friday, 8am to 5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Curtis Kuntz, can be reached at (571) 272-7499. The facsimile phone number for this group is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group 2600 receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2600, the 2600 Customer Service telephone number is (571) 272-2600.

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